TRANSLATOR: LAINRAD
OTHER STUFF: DAIKONPETE

REDONE RIGHT?

I SUPPOSE, YOU'RE MR. EARTH, EXCUSE ME FOR THE RECENT OCCURR -ENCES

IT IS AYAME, THE GUILD MASTER OF "APOLLO'S BOW", DO YOU HAVE SOME TIME NOW?

I WOULD LIKE TO MEET YOU URGENTLY, IF POSSIBLE ...

NO PROBLEM, PLEASE TELL ME THE PLACE

YES WE CAN PROPERLY TALK OUTSIDE OF THE GUILD

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UNDERSTOOD... THEN I'LL TRANSFER YOU THE MAP TO THIS PLACE

NICE TO MEET YOU

I AM AYAME, THE GUILD MASTER

とあるおっさんのVRMMO活動記

CHAPTER-12

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IT IS RATHER TROUBLE-SOME TO EXPOSE OUR GUILD'S LOCATION, BUT YOU HAVE TO HEAR ME OUT

WITH THIS, AYAME BEGAN EXPLAIN-ING THE SITUATION

N... NICE TO MEET YOU

なんとなく背格好がのぞる

JUST LIKE SOME MAN CROSS-DRESSING WOMAN FROM TAKARAZUKA REVUE*

*TN: A RENOWN JAPANESE ALL-FEMALE MUSICAL THEATER GROUP

SHE USED THE "ONE MORE GATHER -ING" EVENT TO CREATE A GUILD WITH THE LITTLE MONEY SHE HAD

AYAME WAS GATHERING BOW USERS FOR FUN DURING THE OPEN BETA FOR THE GAME

"APOLLO'S BOW" WAS NOT A BOW USERS' RESCUE ORGANISA -TION, AS WAS PROCLAIMED BY NEIZA

AND THOUGH WE EMBRACED THE OFFICIAL START OF THE GAME...

OUR AIM WAS, WHILE PROMOTING THE BOW, PLAY WITH EXCITEMENT AND JOY

SINCE THE GAMES OFFICIAL LAUNCH, WE'VE BEEN WELCOMING THE MULTIPLYING BOW USERS

WE STARTED WITH SEVERAL ENTHUSI -ASTIC BOW USERS

THOUGH I'VE SEEN THE GUYS, CARRYING BOWS, THE PROFES -SION WAS MOSTLY DISCRIMI -NATED

I'M RECALLING A BITTER MEMORY, AS SOON AS I LOGGED IN, I HAD BECOME AN UNFORTUNATE VICTIM OF THAT MOHAWK GUY'S PARTY, HARASSED ABOUT THE BOW BEING USELESS

THAT'S RIGHT, WE MEAN YOU!

HEY, THE USELESS ARCHER OVER THERE!

JUST QUIT, YOU SCRUB! HELL, YOU'RE STILL IN YOUR STARTING EQUIPEMENT!

ARCHERY IS USELESS!

IT CAUSED TROUBLE FOR MYSELF ON THE FIRST DAY...

THE DAMNED WIKI WEAPON INFO PAGE, DISCOUR -AGED PLAYERS FROM USING BOWS

THOUGH, YOU CAN SEE BOW USERS HERE AND THERE

WE'VE INVITED THOSE PEOPLE, WHO WERE MORE OR LESS GOOD AT IT

WE ACTED, TRYING TO ATTRACT AS LITTLE PUBLIC ATTENTION AS POSSIBLE

TAKING ALL THE CRITICISM AND DEJECTION TOWARDS BOW IS NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT

AND THEN

A CERTAIN VIDEO APPEARED

A VIDEO OF A PVP DUEL BETWEEN A BOW USER AND A SWORDSMAN

OH MY, ADMIRERS AGAIN

THEY MADE A CULT OUT OF ME WITHOUT KNOWING

THAT VIDEO INFLAMED US

AND ON THAT WAVE 200 GUILD MEMBERS HAVE JOINED

THE BOW CALLED WEAK, DEFEATED A GREATSWORD USING THROUGH SKILLFUL SKILL, COMBOS WHICH IS AND CONSIDERED STRIKING TO BE THE AT HIS STRONGEST WEAK ATTACKER POINTS, STACKING DAMAGE

FROM THAT MOMENT THE BOW WAS BEING CONSIDER -ED MUCH EASIER TO BATTLE WITH

AFTER THAT VIDEO, OUR EXISTENCE BECAME KNOWN AND PEOPLE STARTED TO BRING IN ENROLLMENT APPLICATION

CONSIDERING THE GUILD SIZES, EVERTHING UNDER 20 PEOPLE IS SMALL, FROM 50 TO 100 IS CONSIDERED MID-RANGE, AND EVERYTHING ABOVE THAT IS LARGE

200 INCLUDED ...

"Hi" "A"

200 MEMBERS !?

EVEN THE LARGEST GUILDS HAVE ONE HUNDRED AT MOST

IN ORDER TO RAISE AN UNPOPULAR BOW'S SKILL LEVEL

AND WHILE HUNTING, WE USED A SWORD OR A CANE AS A SUB WEAPON

BEFORE THE FAIRY EVENT, EVERY BOW USER WANTED TO JOIN MY GUILD

BUT REALLY WE WERE ENVIOUS OF YOU MR. EARTH

WITH NO MISTAKE YOU'RE A ARCHER, WHO PROPERLY USES A BOW

THAT'S WHY I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY ARCHERS EXCEPT FOR ME UNTIL JUST RECENTLY

AYAME'S SPEECH STARTING TO MAEK SENSE

WHILE STILL BEING VERY MUCH FOND OF THE BOW, WE HAD NO COURAGE TO SHOW IT'S MAGNIFI -CENCE

WE BECAME AWARE HOW NAIVE WE WERE

WE COULDN'T IMITATE YOU

AND ABOUT THAT TIME A PARTY WITH NEIZA IN THE LEAD APPEARED

NEIZA'S PARTY...

...OH

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CARE

PLEASE TAKE THIS POTION JUICE ON THE HOUSE ?

WHEN I FOUND OUT ABOUT THAT, THEY ALREADY TOOK ACTION BEHIND MY BACK

THEY'VE DECIDED ON IT WHEN YOU TOOK THE FAIRY QUEEN EVENT PRIZE

THEY DECIDED TO USE YOU

THEY THINK YOU'RE NECESSARY FOR THIS GUILD

AH, SO THAT'S WHAT IT WAS ABOUT, I UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT YOUR APOLOGY

PLEASE, BE AT PEACE, LADIES, I'M NOT BLAMING YOU FOR ANYTHING

WE OFFER YOU OUR SINCEREST APOLOGIES AND WILL STOP PESTERING YOU WITH INVITATIONS

...THEY WILL BE STRICTLY PUNISHED

WE WON'T PROHIBIT THEM TO HUNT, BUT I AS A GUILD MASTER WILL TAKE THE INVITATION ABILITY FROM THEM

BUT, PLEASE, TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED TO NEIZA'S PARTY AFTER THAT

WE WILL NOT EXPEL THEM BUT, AS A GUILD IT IS OUR RESPONSI -BILITY TO PUNISH THEM

AND NEIZA WILL BE DEMOTED TO AN ORDINARY GUILD MEMBER

WELL, THERE IS NO PROBLEM, IF THEY WEREN'T EXPELLED

I SEE, I HAVE NO OBJECTIONS

THE APOLOGY WAS MADE DILIGENTLY

SHE HAS A RELIEVED FACE

...BY THE WAY

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDER -STANDING FOR THE SITUATION

SO, NOW I BID YOU FAREWELL

WE WERE SO EXCITED WHEN YOU WON THAT TIME

YOU CREATE A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR THE BOW WITH YOUR ACTIONS

ONE LAST THING

YOUR PERFORM -ANCE DURING THE MATCH WIT THE FAIRY QUEEN WAS OUTSTAND -ING

WE ARE AWAITING GREAT DEEDS FROM YOU

PLEASE, CONTINE TO GUIDE ALL THE ARCHERS

I THINK I SHOULD SKIP TRAINING TODAY AND GO STRAIGHT TO HUNTING

I GUESS, THE BATTLE THE QUEEN HAD A VAST RESONANCE

WELL, I GET THE SITUAT -ION

AND THE INVITATIONS WILL BE PILING FOR SOMETIME

VR (VIRTUAL REALITY) DEVICES PRODUCTION PROBLEMS HAVE FINALLY BEEN SETTLED

SERVER LINE WAS OPTIMIZED SO THAT IT CAN HANDLE TWICE THE CONNECT-IONS, IT COULD BEFORE

THE ADMINIST-RATION ANNOUNCED, THAT A NEW PATCH WAS READY FOR RELEASE

SEVERAL DAYS LATER

IT SEEMS, THAT WHEN IT OCCURS, THE WEAPON IS DROPPED AND A PLAYER IS UNABLE TO EQUIP IT FOR SEVERAL SECONDS

Brake!!

"BREAK ARM", SIMPLY SPEAKING, A TOTALLY BRUTAL STATUS ABNORMALITY, WHEN YOU'RE UNABLE TO USE NEITHER A WEAPON NOR SHIELD

AND SINCE MAINTENANCE A NEW "STATUS ABNOR-MALITY" HAS BEEN ADDED

AND THE SECOND TIME A HAND AND ARM SUSTAINS 25% HP OR MORE DAMAGE

AND AS SOON AS THE CONDITION IS ACQUIRED FOR THE FIRST TIME A HAND AND ARM BECOME "PARALYZED" OR "PETRIFIED"

AND, OF COURSE THE STATUS NOTICE APPEARS

AND SO, AS AN ADDITION TO THE NEXT UPDATE, THE "CHALLENGE FROM THE UNDERWORLD" RANDOMLY GENERATED UNDERGROUND DUNGEONS WERE ANNOUNCED

BECAUSE OF THAT, THE PLAYERS, WHO EXPERIENCED THEIR RARE ITEMS BEING STOLEN IN THE GAME BEFORE, WERE PUT AT EASE

BUT WITH EQUIPMENT DROPPED YOU NOW WON'T BE ROBBED BY MONSTERS OTHER PLAYERS

BY THE WAY, FOR NOW I PUT LEVEL 10 OF THE DUNGEON AS MY GOAL

IN 1 HOUR, WHICH IS THE TIME LIMIT INSIDE, YOU'RE BEGINNING TO UNDER-STAND THE SENSE OF TRAVELLING BY FOOT

AS ONE WOULD EXPECT FROM THE BRUTAL ADMINIS-TRATION

THE NEW TYPES OF TRAPS DEAL ENOUGH DAMAGE TO K.O YOU, ALSO THOSE'RE USABLE IN PVP

THE INSIDES OF THE DUNGEON ARE RANDOMLY GENERATED, AND AS THE REAL ONES, ARE DIMLY LIT

AMONG THE FEATURED PEOPLE THERE'RE ZWEI, GRAD, SILVER...

FURTHERMORE, FOR THE 2ND GEN PLAYERS THE PV'S (PREVIEW VIDEOS) WERE RELEASED, MADE OF COMBINED PERFORMANCES BY THE OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

WITHOUT ACTUALLY SHOWING THE QUEEN, IT DISPLAYS THE COMBO OF WHIP AND BOW

AND, OF COURSE A SCENE OF MY FAMOUS FINAL BLOW IN THE BATTLE WITH THE FAIRY QUEEN

WORK SHOP... IS IT...

THE PLAYERS SEEING THIS, WILL HAVE UNREALIS-TICALLY HIGH HOPES FOR THE BOW

PLEASE, DELETE IT!!

...WHICH MEANS, IT'S TIME

ANYWAYS BRUTAL ADMINIST-RATION, BETTER HAVE SOME WAR POTENTIAL IN STORE IN ORDER TO NOT LOSE

...BUT USING AN ORDINARY SHIELD WOULD BE NO FUN WON'T IT?

FIRST AND FOREMOST, THE NEW DUNGEON WILL HOLD NEW, AND STRONGER OPPONENTS

IT'S ALL GOOD IF A SNEAK ATTACK WOULD FALL THROUGH

REALLY, WITH JUST EVASION AND WITHOUT DEFENCE IT'S BEEN HARD FOR ME FOR A WHILE NOW

THEN, THE SMALL SHIELD SKILL TREE WOULD BE BETTER FOR BATTLE

I SUPPOSE IT WOULD BE A WEAR -ABLE TYPE, ON THE FOREARM

IT'S NO USE, SINCE I'D HAVE TO DROP A BOW

SO, FOR STARTERS, LET'S DROP OUT THE HAND-HELD TYPE

I CAN DO IT WITH MY CURRENT LEVEL OF CRAFTING SKILLS

FURTHER -MORE, THOUGH CRAFTING IT WOULD BE HARD, I WANT TO TRY USING A COMPOUND BOW INSTEAD OF A X-SHAPED ONE

FIRST, LETS GO TO THE OUT SKIRTS OF THE FOREST
WELL, WHAT COMES FIRST, IS UPGRADING MY SHIELD SKILL

WITH MY RIGHT HAND BEING MY DOMIN -ANT ONE, I'M RAISING IT'S SKILL LEVEL IN ADVANCE

WHEN LEVELLED UP TO LVL 30 I'LL BE ABLE TO CHANGE MY PROFESS -ION FROM BUCKLER TO SMALL SHIELD

THE RESULT OF TRAINING, MY SHIELD SKILL SKY ROCKETED TO LVL 25, AND MY DEFENCE ROSE TUP TO LVL 4

I ALSO TRAINED ON ROCK ANTS TO BE ABLE TO USE ITS CARAPACE IN CRAFTING

FOR NOW, I'VE LEVELLED UP MY SHIELD SKILL TO LVL 5 ON WOLVES

THE NEXT DAY

TN: STEAMED MEAT BUNS

WITH THIS I MAY BE ABLE TO MAKE SOME NIKUMAN

I'VE BOUGHT SOME WHEAT FLOUR TO TRY TO MAKE A SOFT DOUGH

AND SO, I'M ABLE TO USE A STEAMER NOW

AT LAST, THE SKILL LEVEL CAP WAS RAISED TO 50

APPRENTICE LEVEL CRAFTING IS NOW USABLE

WITH THIS ANY QUANTITY OF LIGHT METAL WOULD SEEM SMALL

I ALSO NEED TO LEARN TO MAKE SPECIAL ARROWS FOR IT

FURTHER -MORE, NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, DEVISING A MECHANISM FOR THE BOW WILL BE A RATHER ELABORATE TASK

AND I NEED A LOT MORE MATERIALS TO MAKE A COMPOUND BOW

ALSO, I WANT TO TRY MY HAND IN MAKING METAL INGOTS

WHAT I NEED IS A BOW WITH AN UPSIDE DOWN GRIP

THIS PART ACTUALLY DIDN'T CHANGE FROM THE FIRST RELEASE

THE FIRST TIME IS RATHER HARSH THOUGH

IT'S HANDY, THAT HAVING PRODUCED SOMETHING ONCE, YOU CAN SKIP THE PRODUCTION PART WHEN CRAFTING

THE PREP -ARATIONS TO UPGRADE THE SHIELD SKILL INTO A SMALL SHIELD IS PROCEEDING AS PLANNED

ONE WEEK REMAINS TILL THE EXPANSION FOR THE "CHALLENGE FROM THE UNDERWORLD" IS ADDED

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...WELL IT'S NOT MUCH OF A PROBLEM SINCE IT'S A WEAPON FOR MY PERSONAL USE

PERHAPS AFTER FINISHING IT, THE OTHER SMITHS WILL ASK ME LIKE "IS THIS EVEN USABLE?"

I'VE TAKEN INSTRUCT-IONS ON MAKING PULLEYS FROM THE REAL WORLD AS A BASIS

FIRST, LET'S TRY MAKING AN ORDINARY COMPOUND BOW

THOUGH I'M AMASSING LIGHT METAL ORE AND IRON, I'M GETTING CLOSER TO THE COMBINED SHIELD BOW...

MY AIM WITH THIS ONE IS TO RECORD THE PRODUCTION PROCESS

IT'S NOT A PROBLEM IF IT COMES OUT UNUSABLE

[AN OTHERWORLDLY BOW]
A BOW, CREATED USING A TECHNOLOGY UNTHINKABLE OF IN THIS WORLD, IT'S USING PULLEYS IN A WAY UNKOWN, IT'S POWER AND STABILITY ARE EXCEEDINGLY HIGH.
ON THE OTHER HAND, IT'S UNUSABLE WITHOUT SPECIAL ARROWS.
EFFECT: ATK +38 PRODUCTION QUALITY: 3

THOUGH I WOULDN'T RECOM-MEND IT, CAUSE THE ARROW COST IS GOING TO BE HIGH

THE GUYS TRAINING THEIR BOW SKILLS WOULD PROBABLY JUMP UP IN SURPRISE

IT HAS AN ATTACK POWER OF 38, DESPITE THE PRODUCT-ION QUALITY BEING JUST 3

...JUST AS I THOUGHT

NEXT, HOW SHOULD I GO ABOUT THE MECHANISM MODIFI -CATION?

IF I THINK ABOUT IT, ADDING A SHIELD TRANSFORM -ATION FUNCTION TO A COMPOUND BOW, FOR IT TO BE USABLE BOTH AS A SHIELD AND A BOW

FOR THAT, I'LL HAVE TO STARE AT THE PLAN SOME MORE

IT'S JUST HARD TO THINK OF

IT'S GOOD THAT FAIRIES ARE FLYING AROUND, THEY PRODUCE A CALMING EFFECT

AFTER TRYING SEVERAL IDEAS, I COME TO A DECISION TO USE A CENTER FOLDING SHAPE, BECAUSE IT'S BOTH SIMPLE TO MANUFACTURE AND IS MORE DURABLE

I'VE MADE A DESIGN THAT, WHEN YOU PULL THE BAR, IT SPRINGS BACK INTO ITS ORIGINAL SHAPE

IT BECAME POSSIBLE BECAUSE I DIDN'T CONSIDER THE CONCEPT OF PERSONAL USE

SO, LET'S STOP AT THAT

ALONG WITH IT I NEED TO MAKE A SMALL WOODEN SHIELD

I'M MAKING THE TRANSFORM -ING COMPOUND BOW, ACCORDING TO MY BLUEPRINT

THE NEXT DAY

OF COURSE, SHOOTING IT TAKES SOME PRACTICE, BUT BECAUSE THE COMPOUND BOW'S GOOD AIM CHARACTER -ISTICS THESE SEEMLING UNREASONABLE DEMANDS ARE BEARABLE

"DEFENDING WITH A RIGHT HAND AND ATTACKING WITH A LEFT ONE" SOME NON- SENSICAL PRINCIPLE

USUALLY, WHEN YOU USE A TRANSFORM -ATION SHIELD, IT DISAPPEARS AND A BOW APPEARS IN ITS PLACE

TO TRANS -FORM IT...

I'M USING A PENTAGON SHAPED SHIELD, SPLIT DOWN THE MIDDLE

A WOODEN BOARD IS USED FOR THE CENTRE OF THE SPLITTING SHIELD

[PROTOTYPE TRANSFOMRING SHIELD]
A SHIELD WITH A HIDDEN TRANSFORMATION MECHANISM, WHILE HAVING LOW SPECS FOR A SHIELD, IT POSESSES A UNIQUE PROPERTY.
EFFECT: TRANSFORMATION ABILITY
PRODUCTION QUALITY: 4

COMPOUND BOW APPEARS FROM BELOW THE UNFOLDED SHIELD, TRANSFORM -ING IT INTO A WEAPON SHAPE

THE PLANK SLIDES ABOVE WHILE THE SHIELD BEING CLOSED, HIDNG THE SPLIT

THE PLANK GOING ALONG THE WRIST IS BEING AFFIXED IN PLACE, AND THE SIDES UNFOLD SIDEWAYS

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[PROTOTYPE HIDDEN OTHERWORDLY BOW]
AN OTHERWORLD BOW HIDDEN BELOW A TRANSFORMING SHIELD. A HUNTING BOW, HIDDEN BEHIND A SMALL SHIELD, DEADLY, DESPITE OF ITS SMALL SIZE, USABLE ONLY WITH SPECIALIZED ARROWS.
EFFECT: ATK +38 DEF +8, PRODUCTION QUALITY: 4

AND THEN IT SHOULD BE HELD WITH THE RIGHT HAND

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Pull

IN THE FINAL VERSION, A STRING WITH A BRASS HANDLE IS PLACED BELOW THE SHIELD, IT SHOULD BE PULLED FOR THE SHIELD TO TRANSFORM

Hold !!

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NATUR -ALLY, I WON'T STOP AT THE FIRST ONE AND CONTINUE TRYING UNTIL I'M SATISFIED

FOR PERFOR -MANCE, I WILL MAKE IT PARTLY LIGHT METAL AND STEEL, BY THE PROTOTYPE IS WHOLE WOOD

ALSO, I GUESS, IF I DON'T FIX SEVERAL FLAWS, THE PRODUCT-ION QUALITY WON'T RISE

TO THE SIDES OF THE SHIELD I'M AFFIXING THE ROCK ANT CARAPACE PIECES, GIVING THE PULLEYS SOME SLIGHT PROTECTION

AND NOW, FOR THE SMALL DETAILS, GETTING IT CLOSER TO ITS FINAL FORM

I'LL PLATE THE SHIELD WITH LIGHT METAL AND THE CENTRE PLANK WITH STEEL

THE NEW DUNGEON PATCH IS GETTING CLOSER

SO I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT TO FINISH IT

I'LL MAKE A COMPOUND BOW OUT OF LIGHT METAL

IF NOT FOR THE LIGHT METAL'S EXCEPTIONAL FLEXIBILITY, I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO PUT MY IDEA INTO PRACTICE

SO THE SIDES SHINE BLUE, LIKE SOME ORNA -MENTS

THE CARAPACE PARTS TURNED BLUE

[SECRET LIGHT METAL SHIELD]
A SMALL SHIELD MADE OF LIGHT METAL.
HAS A VERY HIGH SHIELDING PROFICIENCY AND IS ALSO EQUIPPED WITH AN "EASTER EGG"
EFFECT: DEF +25
UNIQUE PROPERTIES: "TRANSFORMATION ABILITY" "RIGHT-HANDED ONLY EQUIPMENT"

PLATING THE SHIELD WITH ROCK ANT CARAPACE WAS SUCCESSFUL

ON THE VERY FIRST TRY I HAD COMPLETELY HIDDEN THE COMPOUND BOW

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ACCURACY CORRECTION (WEAK), DOES IT MEAN THE SCOPE SIGHT I'VE ATTACHED GUIDES ARROWS TOWARDS MY OPPONENTS

WITH THIS, IT'S FINALLY FINISHED ...THAT TOOK ME A LONG TIME, REALLY LONG

AND THESE ARE BOW SHAPE PROP -ERTIES

[SECRET ANOTHER BOW]
AN UNFOLDED SHAPE HIDING A MECHANISM.
DESPITE BEING SMALL, IT IS VERY DEADLY, ACCURACY IS HIGH.
ALTHOUGH, HAS A FLAW OF BEING USABLE ONLY WITH SPECIFIC ARROWS.
EFFECTS: ATK +60 DEF +5
UNIQUE PROPERTIES: "TRANSFORMATION ABILITY", "ACCURACY CORRECTION (WEAK)"

THE TEST CONFIRMED THE POSSIBILITY OF EASY REPLICATION OF A ONCE MADE TRANSFORM -ATION MECHANISM

NICE

AS EXPECTED, AT FIRST AIMING WITH A DOMINANT ARM WAS NOTHING BUT MISSES

STILL, AFTER WASTING A FAIR AMOUNT OF ARROWS, MY PROFICIENCY HAS INCREASED

SKILL LEVEL COMBINED WITH AIM CORRECTION ABILITY, LETS ME HIT THE MARK EVEN WITH THIS UNREASONABLE CONSTRUCTION

THE "CHALLENGE FROM THE UNDERWORLD" IS JUST ABOUT TO BE IMPLEMENTED

SO, NOW EVEN A "BREAK ARM" STATUS IS MANAGE -ABLE

THERE IS NO DANGER OF SUDDENLY LOSING A LONG DISTANCE ATTACK ABILITY

OF COURSE, I SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR OTHER PEOPLE'S RECEPTION, LIKE "SO THERE WAS SOMETHING LIKE THAT"